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SUBJECT:FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS - JUNE 7

1. CHAIRMAN FRASER'S OPENING REMARKS FOCUSSED ON: A) KCIA HARASSMENT OF KOREANS RESIDING IN THE US; B) ROKG EFFORTS AT CONTROLLING KOREAN RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS HERE; C) KCIA FRONT ORGANIZATIONS; AND D) ROKG EFFORTS AT COUNTERING CRITICISM BY BOTH AMERICAN AND KOREAN ACADEMICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS FRASER AND DERWINSKI ATTENDED.

2. THE FIRST WITNESS WAS SONG SUN-SEUN, PUBLISHER OF THE KOREA JOURNAL FROM 1973 TO 1976, AND NOW A BUSINESSMAN IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE IS A NATURALIZED US CITIZEN. IN A PRE-PARED STATEMENT SONG DISCUSSED HIS ROLE IN ARRANGING KIM DAE-JUNG'S SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO IN MAY 1973 AND THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THAT APPEARANCE; B) A KCIA -- MOON SUN-MYUNG CONNECTION THROUGH THE KOREAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION AS EARLY AS 1970; AND C) AN ALLEGED KCIA ASSASSINATION PLOT AIMED AT HIM BY LIMB MAN-SUNG, KCIA OPERATIVE AT THE KOREAN CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO, AS A RESULT OF HIS ANTI-PARK ACTIVITIES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CHAIRMAN, SONG STATED THAT HE FELT ROKG HARASSMENT OF KOREANS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA WAS NOT SO OVERT AS BEFORE BUT LIMITED MORE TO GUIDANCE CHanneled THROUGH THE VIOUS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS. SONG CLOSED WITH THE "...HOPE THAT THESE HEARINGS WILL NOT ONLY BE FOR THE SAKE OF THE RE-CORD BUT WILL ALSO HAVE SOME POSITIVE RESULTS."

3. THE SECOND WITNESS WAS KANG KYUNG-KOO, EDUCATION ATTACHE AT THE KOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FROM 1970-76, WHO DESCRIBED HIS DUTIES WORKING WITH KOREAN STUDENTS IN THE US AND AS LIAISON WITH THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY. SUBCOMMITTEE QUESTIONING CENTERED ON: A) KANG'S PROPOSALS FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE EDUCATION SPHERE TO IMPROVE US-KOREAN RELATIONS IN 1973; B) THE AWARDED OF GRANTS BY THE ROKG TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND WESTERN MICHIGAN RESERVE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A KOREA CHAIR AT HARVARD; C) MONITORING OF ANTI-PARK DEMONSTRATIONS; AND D) HIS LAUNDERING OF \$36,000 FOR GENERAL KANG OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR KOREAN AFFAIRS, (RIKA).

4. THE DAY'S FINAL WITNESS WAS LIM KEE-SEO, PRESS ATTACHE AT THE KOREAN AMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FROM 1969-71, WHO WAS APPEARING AS THE RESULT OF A SUBPOENA. LIM IS A NATURALIZED CITIZEN. THE CHAIRMAN QUESTIONED LIM ABOUT A \$10,000 DONATION HE HAD ALLEGEDLY MADE TO RIKA IN MARCH 1973. LIM STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY CHOE HONG-TAE WHOM HE LATER LEARNED WAS A KCIA AGENT, WHO ASKED HIM TO MAKE A DONATION TO RIKA. WHEN LIM TOLD HIM HE HAD NO MONEY, CHOE GAVE HIM A CHECK FOR \$10,000 TO BE DEPOSITED IN HIS ACCOUNT SO THAT LIM COULD THEN WRITE HIS PERSONAL CHECK TO RIKA IN THE SAME AMOUNT. AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD UNCOVERED IN EXCESS OF \$130,000 THAT HAD BEEN LAUNDERED FOR RIKA IN THE SAME

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FASHION BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES.

5. HEARINGS RECESSED UNTIL JUNE 13 WHEN MOON SUN-MYUNG HAS BEEN INVITED TO TESTIFY. THE CHAIRMAN INDICATED THAT IT WAS UNCERTAIN IF MOON WOULD APPEAR. VANCE

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